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Pike & San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands

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U.S. FOREST SERVICE SEEKS PROJECT PROPOSALS TO BENEFIT LARIMER, CHAFFEE, HUERFANO, LAKE AND PARK COUNTIES

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 29, 2016 – The U.S. Forest Service is seeking applications for projects that would enhance forest ecosystems or restore and improve land health and water quality on the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Roosevelt National Forest and other near-by lands in Chaffee, Huerfano, Lake, Larimer and Park counties.

At this time, the Pike and San Isabel Resource Advisory Committee (PSI-RAC) is accepting project proposals. The deadline for submittal is March 22, 2016. Proposals must be submitted online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc> . Go to Quick Links, PSI-RAC, Pike & San Isabel Resource Advisory Committee, Project Summary, PSI-RAC Projects Website, Link to Submit New Project Form.

The PSI-RAC works closely with the U.S. Forest Service to recommend projects that will benefit forest health, fish, wildlife, soils, watersheds and other resources; maintain roads, trails and other infrastructure; or control noxious weeds. PSI-RAC projects must be located on National Forest System lands in Larimer, Chaffee, Huerfano, Lake or Park counties or on other nearby lands if the project will benefit the resources on the National Forests. Projects can be completed by U.S. Forest Service personnel, through partnership agreements or by open-bid contracting with individuals and corporations.

In addition, proponents should include a support letter for the project from the District Ranger and County Commissioners and submit the letters to the PSI-RAC Coordinator at:

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btimock@fs.fed.us or, Barb Timock, Public Affairs Officer, Pike & San Isabel National Forests 2840 Kachina Dr., Pueblo, CO 81008

The PSI-RAC will meet to approve projects for funding in Pueblo, Colo., and the public is welcome to attend these meetings. A fall meeting date has not been finalized.

For more information about proposing projects please contact the following individuals.

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The U.S. Forest Service's Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Community Self-Determination Act programs provide funding for the PSI-RAC. For more information on the SRS Act, go to Secure Rural Schools at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/srs/>

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